

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 14(A)(6)


TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: April 16, 2013

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution in support of the
cruise industry; an important
economic engine and community
partner

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and Co-Sponsor Vice Chair Lynda Bell.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☒ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY;
AN IMPORTANT ECONOMIC ENGINE AND COMMUNITY
PARTNER

WHEREAS, the cruise industry was founded in Miami-Dade County more than 45 years ago, and is a vital economic contributor to the Miami-Dade economy; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County is the headquarters for four of the world's leading cruise lines: Carnival Cruise Lines, Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., Norwegian Cruise Line, and Prestige Cruise Holdings; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry is committed to very high standards in areas of safety, passenger care, and environmental protection; and

WHEREAS, Florida is the number one cruise state in the nation, accounting for 60% of cruise traffic in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Florida's cruise industry accounted for \$6.7 billion in direct spending in 2011, generating more than 130,000 jobs, and wages totaling \$5.8 billion; and

WHEREAS, PortMiami is the "Cruise Capital of the World," handling approximately 4 million cruise passengers annually; and

WHEREAS, the cruise industry pays millions of dollars in port fees to PortMiami that contribute to the funding of port infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, many County industries benefit from cruise line spending including hotels, restaurants, retail, cultural and sporting events, transportation providers, and travel agencies, among others; and

WHEREAS, the cruise lines operating from PortMiami have been good corporate stewards to the County, through their core business activities, social investment, philanthropy programs, and their involvement in civic activities; and

WHEREAS, PortMiami is the second largest economic engine contributing to the local economy of the County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board commends and remains supportive of the cruise industry, recognizing its role as a crucial economic engine for Miami-Dade County, one that creates jobs and wealth for Florida's economy.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa and the Co-Sponsor is Vice Chair Lynda Bell. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman	
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Jean Monestime	Dennis C. Moss
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 16th day of April, 2013. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Richard C. Seavey